

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It will be recalled that a coded mask is a mask that is pierced with a plurality of holes placed in a ~~more or less pseudorandom manner~~ or a random manner. The surface area of said holes may attain 50% or more of the total surface area of the mask. Coded masks are used in the medical field or in astronomy in telescopes. In these applications, the coded masks are placed between the object to be observed (planet, star) and the observer (or the device capturing the image).